

Jesus prays for those he is

leaving behind... • 17:9-11 *“My prayer is not for the world, but for those you have given me, because they belong to you. And all of them, since they are mine, belong to you; and you have given them back to me, so they are my glory! Now I am departing the world, I am leaving them behind and coming to you. Holy Father, keep them and care for them—all those you have given me— so that they will be united just as we are.”*

Stay to give Testimony. • 17:11-15 *Father, keep them and care for them. I’m not asking you to take them out of the world but to keep them safe from the evil one.”* • 17:3 *“And this is the way to have eternal life— to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you sent.* • 17:20 *I am praying also for those who will ever believe in me, because of their testimony.”*

The Lord is holding off his return so that all will be saved who chose to be. • *“The Lord isn’t really being slow about his promise to return, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to perish, so he is giving more time for everyone to repent.”* 2 Peter 3:9

• **Willing to stay rather than escape.** *“My hope is... that my life will always honor Christ whether I live or I died. For to me, living is for Christ, and dying is even better. Yet if I live, that means fruitful service for Christ. I really don’t know which is better. I’m torn between two desires: Sometimes I want to live, and sometimes I long to go and be with Christ. That would be far better for me, but it is better for you that I live.”* Philippians 1:20-24

• **Glorious.** Our witness is more what we are like than what we do. • 17:22 *I have given them the glory you gave me...* • *“You are the light of the world— like a city on a mountain, glowing in the night for all to see. Don’t hide your light under a basket! Instead, put it on a stand and let it shine for all. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.”* Matthew 5:14-16